29th November 1928]

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Is it a fact that the magistrate has since been transferred to another place ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Notice."

Alleged irregularities in the conduct of a raffle for a motor-car in North Arcot district.

*861 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that a raffle for a motor-car was conducted by one Dinadayalu Mudaliyar, Member, District Board, North Arcot, some time back ;

(b) whether the police applied to the Subdivisional Magistrate, Ranipet, to take any steps in the matter ; and, if so, what ; and

(c) what action, if any, he or the District Magistrate took in the matter ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Is it a fact that the motor car raffled really belongs to the President of the District Board, North Arcot, Mr. K. Krishnaswami Nayudu Garu ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Government have no information."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Will the Government call for the information ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Is it a fact that the staff of the District Board of North Arcot sold the tickets and whether other members of the staff were practically compelled to buy the tickets ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Notice, Sir."

Forests

Prohibition of shooting, etc., in the forests of Dharakota estate.

*862 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the forests reserved under sections 22, 26, 32 in the proprietary forests of Dharakota estate, Ganjam district, have been blocked and demarcated and that with proper cairns ;

(b) whether any Government officer was deputed and whether he submitted a report that the above works have been done ;

(c) whether any officer has been appointed as Forest Settlement Officer to enquire into the rights of ryots, and the insufficiency or otherwise of unreserved forests ;

(d) whether any portion of the forest has been set apart for grazing in conformity with the immemorial rights of the ryots to graze cattle ;

(e) the reason why Government have prohibited shooting in the forests ;

(f) the number of forest cases filed by the Raja in each of the years 1925, 1926 and 1927 ; and